

JUNGER SHINES

By **STUART EARP**
Wycombe 2, Burnham 1

BURNHAM, the progressive Rothmans Hellenic League club, gave Wycombe Wanderers quite a few headaches in Thursday night's friendly at Loakes Park. After dominating the second half Burnham could feel a little unlucky not to take a share of the spoils from a game that was marred by the weather.

Both sides would have given better accounts of themselves on a dry pitch as the rain led to many mistakes with players struggling to keep their feet.

On their second half showing, Burnham should have little trouble in gaining league honours again this season. They work hard, combine well while two or three individuals provide that little extra. Goalkeeper Eddie Junger handled superbly in the conditions while the experienced Mick Jones was a constant danger with his siege-gun kicking. Barrie Gould had a big say in midfield but it was the weakness of the front runners that cost them the game at Wycombe.

Wanderers introduced Howard Kettleborough upfront for this game. A big, tall striker, he had experience with Hitchin and Dunstable. Kettleborough was the 'target man' Wycombe have been lacking this season and he could be a useful acquisition if he signs.

Wycombe gave most of their squad a run out with John Maskell having his first game since his injury in the opening league match of the season. Tony Price also played and it was Price who was involved in the first Wanderers goal which proved something of a travesty.

Price was beaten by Jones on the edge of the box and although the Wycombe player clearly pulled the full back's shirt, referee Hunt played advantage as Jones was in possession. But a second later he lost the ball to Kennedy who crossed for Kettleborough to tap in a simple goal. Had Burnham been awarded the free kick it would never have happened and for once the playing of advantage proved a distinct disadvantage.

With Glen Swaby producing some fine touches in midfield, Wycombe had the better of the

half and Junger was called on to make good saves from Price while Peter Wesson wasted Burnham's best chance by heading over the top.

A twice taken penalty put the Blues 2-0 up after 35 minutes. Martin James handled Swaby's cross for an obvious penalty but Junger saved Tony Horseman's effort only to find the referee ordering the kick to be re-taken, ruling the goalkeeper had moved. Howard Kennedy made no mistake second time around.

Just before half time a mistake by Maskell gave Burnham their goal when his goalkick fell straight to John Harris. Harris raced on unchallenged and as Maskell came out to hack clear, the Burnham forward took the ball wide and slotted home. It was Harris's one bright spot in a disappointing first display after injury.

Both sides made four changes at half time but it was Burnham who benefited most. They upped their work rate and took the game to Wycombe, who were unable to match them for hard graft.

Wanderers had the better chances in this goalless half and Junger enhanced his reputation with great saves from Price (twice) and Evans. Burnham's closest effort came from Gould, whose late chip just cleared the bar.

WYCOMBE: J. Maskell, M. Sorenson (sub P. Birdseye 45 mins), D. Bullock, A. Phillips (sub K. Mead 45 mins), R. Davies, G. Swaby, G. Mackenzie (sub A. Davies 45 mins), H. Kennedy (sub G. Fraser 45 mins), A. Price, H. Kettleborough, A. Horseman (sub D. Evans 57 mins).

BURNHAM: E. Junger, M. Jones, K. Bryant, M. James, P. Eyres (sub R. Hicks 45 mins), M. Webb (sub R. Claydon 45 mins), B. Gould, F. Sankey, T. Male (sub P. Davis 45 mins), J. Harris, P. Wesson (sub S. Thorne 45 mins).

Referee: R. Hunt (High Wycombe).

Half-time 2-1. **Goalscorers:** Wycombe — Kettleborough (18), Kennedy pen (35). Burnham: Harris (44).

Attendance: 250.